**Third Increase By This Board** 

# Township Board Increases Water Rates Once Again

BY MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

At the June 25th meeting, the Board seemed to get bogged down by stating the obvious or issuing self-serving statements. All this in response to the serious question of a water rate increase.

At an earlier date this year, the City of Detroit once again raised their rates to the communities they provide water to. According to a memo issued by the city's Water and Sewerage Department, the rate increase was to be effective 8-1-03.

It was up to each community to decide how they would respond. Huron Township's response was to ask Plante & Moran to take another look at the financing of the water department. They did so and came back with a recommendation to increase the water rates 5.9%. The City of Detroit had increased their rates to Huron Township 8.9%.

Supervisor Mitchell introduced the topic by stating the water rates per one thousand gallons would be changed from \$2.55 to \$2.70. The report recommended no increases in the sewer usage and sewer debt rate.

The chart illustrating the recommendations is misleading. It attempts to show a lesser percentage change by combining all of the rates to reflect a smaller increase. In reality the increase is 5.9%.

Trustee Adkins began the

Board discussion by asking if they could reduce the proposed increase. She stated there was new building going on and seemed to suggest this was additional revenue.

Supervisor Mitchell responded that last year they did not pass on the entire rate increase they received from the City of Detroit.

Clerk Bowers was quick to add that Plante Moran suggested the average homeowner's bill would rise \$3.00 per quarter and the low end users would increase by \$1.50 a quarter. She said the increase would keep us in line with suggested projects of the department and keep us from adding money from the general fund.

Trustee O'Kelley said he was going to vote no because no provisions had been made to provide discounts for the high water users like our agricultural concerns. He said he had mentioned that issue before (the two prior increases) and the issue had been ignored.

He appeared to anticipate the old argument about "free water" and said it was not free water but discounted water for high-end agricultural users. He expressed confidence it would withstand a court challenge.

What he was referring to was an earlier opinion by the Township attorney that free water was not allowed by the law. At the June 2003 meeting, the attorney said there were actually no court cases on point and the Board could implement such a rate schedule and see how it went.

Since Plante & Moran had not been asked to consider this option, they did not address it. Thus the Board was up to their own devices. This proved difficult and led to additional obvious and self-serving comments.

The supervisor tossed out the idea of not passing on the

5.9 increase to the agricultural users. The attorney now seemed to suggest it could be done but clearly the majority of the Board was not willing to consider anything other than what was recommended.

O'Kelley wondered what the financial impact would be of not passing on the increase to the farmers. Instead of directly answering the question, the clerk did some adding of her own and came up with a figure of \$71,300. She claimed this would be lost revenue if we did not increase the water rates.

This was not the point, but because there were no other figures available, some Board members took the opportunity to justify the rate increase or give the community a history lesson.

Treasurer Skrzycki used the opportunity to revisit the first rate increase (he was not on the Board at the time). He said it reduced most of the water user's rates. He spoke of the change in the law that reduced the bills of many of the citizens. He even talked about a citizen that came into the Township Hall and remarked to him how low his rates were.

(Actually the rates went down for many citizens because the Township stopped charging the mini-sewer charge for those citizens that do not have sewers. Most of the citizens in Huron Township do not have sewers. While the rates went up, the elimination of charges actually

reduced the overall bill for many. Essentially this was brought about because of a change that said if you don't get the service—you don't get the charge.

The clerk spoke again briefly and reminded the Board the increase was 3% less than the City was charging them.

This prompted Trustee Adkins to suggest we challenge the rate increase. She said we ought to challenge them this year and each year they increase the rates. Several Board members seem to be in agreement but no further discussion was made on the subject.

Trustee Krause wondered if we discounted for the agricultural users, how much would the other citizens have to pay?

The clerk added there were state revenue sharing reductions this year. She said it was also unfair to raise the rates for some to pay for the water usage of other citizens. She asked, "Why should they be penalized?"

Perhaps sensing some Board members were missing the point. O'Kelley responded it wouldn't take from anybody. He said we make money by "greatly inflating" the cost we are charged by the City of Detroit. He added that all he was saying is we will make less profit from the agricultural users.

Again, the clerk responded quickly and said the Township could not make a profit. She

added "profit" was illegal for a government. Continuing, she said the money was used to run the department such as water mains, repairs and normal maintenance.

O'Kelley responded that he didn't want to get into an argument of semantics but the Township charges much more than they are charged. He added the Township could do all it needed to do and anticipate future needs and still give the growers a break.

Trustee Carey continued the discussion by stating that the Huron River Drive old lines were costing 1/4 million a year.

She also mentioned the pavement repairs from the water breaks. She suggested we should not give the water away.

O'Kelley responded it wasn't giving the water away just giving the high-end users a break. It was a simple concept.

A motion was made by Bowers and supported by Carey to approve the rate increase effective July 1, 2003. (The City of Detroit rate increase is effective 8-1-03).

the next time Plante & Moran looks at the rates, they will consider the agricultural users in our community. Or perhaps some Board members on their own can look at the needs of the water department and determine the concept will not be detrimental to the water department.

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#### SUGGESTED PERCENT CURRENT CHANGE RATE RATE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERLY BILLING 5.9% \$ 2.55 \$ 2.70 Water rate per 1,000 gallons No change \$ 2.25 \$ 2.25 Sewer rate per 1,000 gallons No change Sewer debt rate per 1,000 gallons \$ .40 \$ .40 2.9% \$ 5.20 \$ 5.35 Combined water, sewer, and debt rate per 1,000 gallons **EXAMPLE BILLS BASED ON ASSUMED AVERAGE USAGE:** \$ 107.00 2.9% \$ 104.00 Average homeowner (20,000 gallons) 2.9% Average low-end user (typically seniors) (10,000 gallons) \$ 52.00 \$ 53.50

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#### Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings on first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meets second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. Child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergartenage children. Call 783-2651.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

American Legion Post 337 meets 2nd and 4th Monday 8:00 p.m., 28614 Division St., Flat Rock.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs, of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Country Meadows.

The Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at

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6:30 p.m. at Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Huron Township Historical will host an Open House at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum (Downtown New Boston) the 4th Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Public is welcome.

The Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Flat Rock Rotary meets

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

noon at Fiorelli's Restaurant in Flat Rock.

Soroptomists International of Flat Rock meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Fiorelli's in Flat Rock

#### Sons of the Desert

Sons of the Desert (Detroit area Laurel and Hardy Fan Club). They have been showing Laurel and Hardy movies for over 65 years. The meetings are scheduled for March 20, May 15, September 18 and November 20 and are held at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth, Livonia, MI. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and show time is at 8:00 p.m. Join them for an evening of laughs and entertainment...

#### Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

Meetings are first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281. Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center.

Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors. Bernice Hearn serves as Director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

Quilting Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

Commodities 4th Tuesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Bingo third and fifth Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Massage Therapy 9:30 a.m. 1st Monday

Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

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July 12, 2003 - 9 to 5 p.m.

**Eddie Edgar Arena** 33841 Lyndon, Livonia, MI

The exhibiting and showing of 225 pedigreed cats, kittens, and household pets. Proceeds from the show admissions will benefit local animal rescue organizations. Admission: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, children \$3 (under 5 free). Free parking. For information, Judy McDaniels -248-681-4863.

#### City of Flat Rock CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 1, 2003 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

**Zoning Board of Appeals** 

City Council Meeting

22	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
23	Library Board of Directors	7:00 p.m.
24	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
28	Beautification Commission p.m.	6:00 p.m.
28	Planning Commission	7:30 p.m.
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.
AUGUST:		
4	Recreation Committee	5:30 p.m.
4	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
7	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 p.m.
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*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.
Note: South Huron Valley Wastewater Control System Meeting are scheduled for		
July 16, August 20 and September 17, 2003 - 10:00 AM at Brownstown Twp.Hall		

\*indicates to be determined

## Reflections from the River - Our View

BY LARRY O'KELLEY

Phyllis D. (O'Kelley) Church, was born September 28, 1948 in Kennett, Missouri. She died June 26, 2003 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was 56 years of age and resided in Belleville, Michigan.

Services were held at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus on June 30, 2003. Officiating was Pastor Walker Harris from the Belleville Freewill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Church was preceded in death by her parents - Joseph and Florence (Baldridge) O'Kelley. She was survived by her husband, Allen G. Church, Sr., 3 sons - Andrew Fitzpatrick of Belleville, Allen G. (Marcie) Church, Jr. of Belleville and Adam Michael (Colene) Church of Havelock, North Carolina.

Brothers Ted O'Kelley of Kalamazoo and Danny (Carol) O'Kelley of Belleville, a sister - Patricia (Richard) Soranno of Belleville. Three grandchildren - Logan, Porter, and Lydia Church as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Church was a 1964 graduate of Doniphan High School in Missouri. She was employed by General Motors and was a talented quilter and stitched each one by hand.

...and so it goes.

June 30th, a Monday, was a beautiful day. It was a comfortable 80 degrees, a partly cloudy day with a gentle breeze. It was a good day to say goodbye to a good friend who just happened to be my cousin.

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Phyllis (O'Kelley) Church was not well known in our community. She lived quietly with her husband Al in Sumpter Township. However, for me she was a large part of my life and the closest I will ever have to a sister.

We both started life in Missouri with my side the O'Kelley-Street family and her side the O'Kelley-Baldridge family. Our connection was brothers — her dad Joseph Elmer and my dad Delmar Lee.

Like so many other families of their generation, they both moved to Michigan.

Eventually most of the relatives moved up here so we always had plenty of cousins to pal around with. Because our dads were close, Phyllis and I were close. We played, argued, fought, and made up—all part of the cycle of growing up.

Since Phyllis was particularly fond of my mom, she spent a lot of time our at our house and we spent many a summer day together.

Eventually we both found ourselves back in Missouri and we actually graduated from high school there. She graduated from Doniphan, and I graduated from Kennett. We kept in touch with each other as teenagers and I actually attended her Senior Prom. Of course, her date didn't think much of the idea, but invited a girl I was dating in her school-and I-to the prom. The rules were not very strict in those days and I don't think she cared much for her date so we joined in.

After she graduated, her family moved back to

Craft Mall

Southgate

734-281-1707

Michigan and I followed a year laater when I graduated in 1965. She took it upon herself to introduce me to her friends and to help me make the transition a little easier. She reintroduced me to Detroit and we went to my first State Fair.

She reminded me that in New Boston, her dad once had a used auto parts business near the railroad tracks (where the DPW yards are now).

Whenever we didn't have date, which happened a lot, we would team up and cruise Romulus, Belleville, and Flat Rock. We talked a lot about our dreams and hopes and neither of us chided the other as being unrealistic. When you are 18, the world is yours.

Eventually, we grew apart as most cousins do with family responsibilities of our own. However, Phil worked hard at keeping the family together. If a family is lucky, there is at least one who will take on this responsibility. Phil made sure we all knew what was going on in the family. She was always the first to respond to a problem and take control. Most of us gladly allowed her to do this because it made it easier for the rest of us.

Several years ago, when most of the aunts and uncles were still alive, she organized a family reunion that is still talked about. It was held at her home in Sumpter and was her crowning achievement. Our family came from all over the United States and the attendance was huge. We took many photos and videotapes and I can't remember a finer and more heart-warming event. And we owe much of it to Phil.

Later in life she struggled with many health problems but still managed to look after the care of her father and mother. She was a rock and our foundation. She cannot be replaced. Our family will remember and honor her for years to come.

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Waltz Improvement Association

# Antique & Flea Market

Sunday, July 27, 2003 8:00 a.m. - 400 p.m.

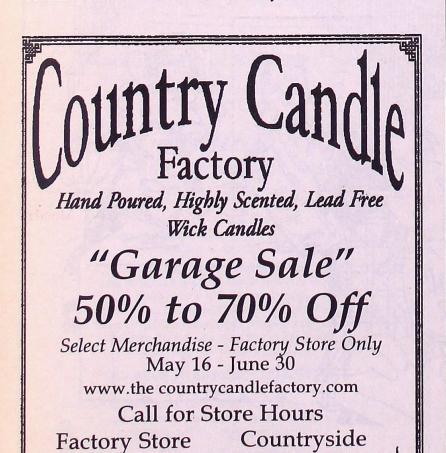
(Open for Vendors 4:00 a.m.)

### Waltz Park

Mineral Springs Street, Waltz, MI For information, (734) 654-8020 or (734) 753-4416

> First Come / First Serve Limited Space Available

> > No Pets Allowed.



# Wall of Fame Inductions - Part II Huron High Alumni Julie Hinds

Each year the Huron School District inducts former students to the Wall of Fame. The recipients are announced at annual Awards Night and a plaque is placed on a wall in the high school. This year the following alumni were chosen. They are Amy Gajda, Julie Hinds, Judith Kermans, Steve Massengill, Vernon Moore and Gary Shrader.

Each week, as a service to

the community, we will present a biography of a recipient. We will continue to do this until all have been honored. This week we present Julie Hinds.

Julie Hinds graduated from Huron High in 1979 with a class that will be remembered as one of Huron's best.

As a student at Huron, Julie was an active member of the French Club, The Huron High School Marching Band and the National Honor Society. It was during these years that she began to foster a dual interest in politics and the media. Like some of her classmates, she applied and was accepted to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Her interest in politics was woven into her major as she graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Communications. Upon graduation she immediately put her degree to use and began a long and distinguished career as a feature writer.

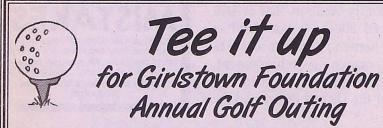
Since college, Julie has been busy travelling the country and writing for some of the best newspapers in the States. During her career, she has been a feature and fashion writer with the Detroit News, a fashion writer for the San Francisco Examiner and a movie critic for the San Jose Mercury News.

It is in her current position as a feature writer for the Detroit Free Press that Julie has truly found her mark. Now readers can look forward to her articles on a wide range of topics varying from television coverage with the second war in Iraq to America's obsession with reality television shows like "American Idol". She frequently travels to New York and Paris

to cover major fashion shows. She has also travelled across the nation and interviewed celebrities such as Meryl Streep, John Travolta, Paul Newman, and Jay Leno. Most memorable have been her interviews with former first lady Betty Ford and director Steven Spielberg.

Her career has permitted her to tell the story of many inspiring and dedicated people who live in the metro Detroit community and around the world. Her commentary about the media and the impact it has on our lives is often insightful and leaves the reader richer from the experience.

Congratulations, Julie!



Girlstown Foundation, 525 Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI will be sponsoring its Annual Girlstown Foundation Golf Outing fundraiser Saturday, July 26, 2003. This is the second year for this event. This year's golfouting will be at the Woodlands of Van Buren located in Wayne, MI. The four-person scramble will have a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

Golf registration is \$100 per golfer. Cost includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch at the turn, dinner, prizes, and silent auction. Dinner only is \$50.00. Registration deadline is June 30, 2003.

For more information, contact Elaine Carter at (734) 697-7242 x233.

### David C. Brown, CFSP Has Been Appointed to Serve Michigan Funeral Director's Service Association

David C. Brown, CFSP of David C. Brown Funeral Home, in Belleville has been appointed as a member of the Michigan Funeral Directors Disaster Relief Committee.

"David has a proven commitment to the funeral service profession and to our state and nation. These committee members are volunteers who must do the most tragic duty in the most tragic of times," said MFDA President Patrick E. Lynch in making the appointment.

The Disaster Relief Committee is responsible for coordinating with Federal, State, and County emergency authorities in the tragic event of a mass casualty disaster.

Each MFDA committee member is appointed by the President and approved by the Association officers. Committies are comprised of funeral directors who volunteer their time to serve as leaders of their profession. Committees meet periodically throughout the year as called by the chair.

Founded in 1880, the Michigan Funeral Directors Association is the nations oldest organization of funeral service professionals. It is comprised of approximately 600 funeral homes across the state of Michigan.

# Coming Soon!

All About Scrappin'

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Flat Rock Historical Society

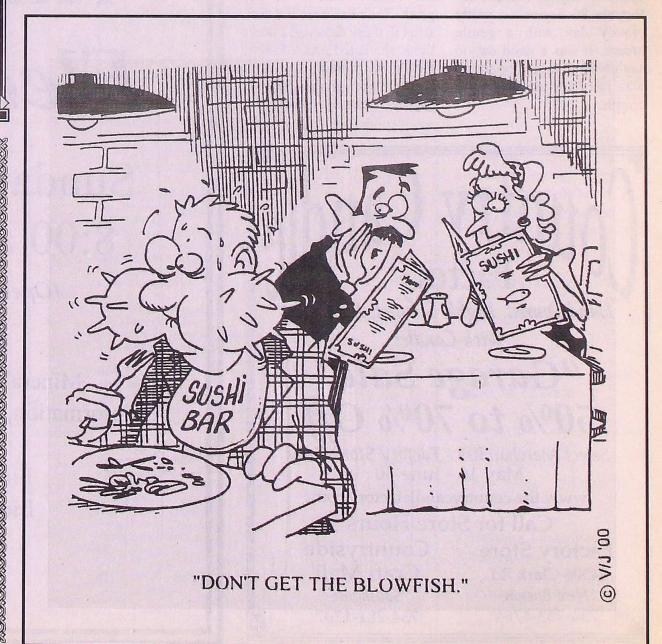
Special Exhibit

# Hands In Advertising

(Graceful Victorian Hands)

Sunday, July 13th from 1-4pm at the Munger Historical Museum behind the Flat Rock Library

25200 Gibraltar Road



# Huron Township Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

BY MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

It appears to be destiny that the Huron Township Chamber of Commerce must schedule its annual golf outing on one of the wettest most blustery days in the month of May. Once again, thank you to those hardy golfers and workers who don their winter jackets/rain gear to support this good cause, plus have some fun.

The monies gained from this event provide scholarships for graduating students at Huron High. The criteria for the scholarship requires that the students have intentions upon graduation from college returning to Huron and establishing a business.

The following were the win-

ners of the May 20, 2003 outing: Men's Longest Drive - Joe Jolly and Fabio. Men's Closest to the Pin - Joe Jolly and Fabio. Women's Longest Drive - Paula Vitale and Barb Heston. Women's Closest to the Pin - Paula Vitale and G Sutherland. Team Placement (out of ten): 1st- Mans Lumber and Millworks, 2nd - Michigan Memorial Funeral Home and 3rd - Moore, Mitchell Vitale and Vitale.

Come join us for next year's outing, but you must remember your winter wear and rain gear. We just hate to break a tradition. Oops! I almost forgot, please bring firewood if you have it, a fire in the fireplace sure helps warm up the shelter.



Members of the winning team from Mans Lumber and Millworks.

# Michigan Rocks

BY MARK CLARK jmpclark@peoplepc.com

Inspired by the classic hard rock of Kiss, Montrose, Foghat, Aerosmith, Ted Nugent and the '70s Detroit band the



Smokehouse, from Marine City, delivers classic rock and roll.

Rockets, Smoke House wants to bring back the "feel good" spirit of rock 'n roll.

Hailing from Marine City, Smoke House formed in 2001 and consists of Larry Cummins (drums/vocals), Stephan B. Hill (rhythm guitar/lead vocals), Pan Gulland (bass/vocals) and David "The Snake" Dunaway (lead guitar/vocals).

The band just released their self-titled CD featuring eight songs of hard rock guitar bliss. My favorites are "Joyride," featuring the sensual moaning of Lynette Cummins, the Rockets-inspired "Travelin' Show," a very cool cover of the '70s Sugarloaf classic "Green Eyed Lady," and the excellent "Volkswagon Jedi Bus."

If you're a fan of the classic hard rock sound, you'll want to add this CD to your collection. For more info go to www2.i-is. com/smokhouse/default.htm

# CONCERNED CITIZENS COALITION

Meets the First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Post in New Boston

#### Please Join Us!

The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2003, due to the holiday

#### Kentuckians of Michigan, Inc.

Kentuckians Liberty Park, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 (Huron Twp.) 734-782-0132

## 43rd Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 10th, 2003

Gate Opens at 8:00AM - Admission is \$6.00 per person and \$10.00 for RV's Breakfast Buffet will be on sale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Singing by the Boggs Family Service Conducted by Rev. Johnnie Jones 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Special Guests** 

Larry Webster & the Mule Band (from Pikeville, KY.)

Bobby Hutch & Grand Ole Country

Eddie Adkins & The Southerner's • Butch Pilgrim & Ridin' Shotgun

Morning Harvest • Kentucky Bluebirds • Northern Star Dancer's & more

M.C. by Keith Jason (from WSDS AM Radio)

Sound Engineer by Gary Burchwell

#### **Awards Presented at 2:00PM**

Kentucky King Father & Queen Mother

Newest Married Couple, Longest Married Couple, Youngest Baby

Drawing for all Raffles will be held at 5:00PM

50/50 Raffle will be held throughout the day.

#### On the Grounds

Tables \$4.00 (First Come, First Serve), Ice \$1.50, Concession Stand Country Dinner Buffet (including soup beans and cornbread) Country Crafter's and Games for the Kids Kentuckians of Michigan will resume its regular weekly schedule in October. Public Auction

Friday Afternoon, July 11, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Selling items no longer needed at 32042 Huron River Dr., New Boston, MI (Across from Michigan Memorial Cemetery).

Auction at Renton Jr. High - From Flat Rock, MI take Telegraph Rd. to Huron River Dr., North West - follow around to auction OR from center of New Boston, MI - follow Huron River Dr. around South East to Auction.

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#### Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Unusual phonecall leaves you asking wrong questions to wrong person. Mirror may be best answer. Your days of running the roads like loony toon character may be over but pocketbook still hurts.

#### Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Less is best unless you have nothing to begin with. Remember who opted to throw it all away. Voice heard in the winds brings joy to many. Stay focused on those who matter and love you. 3209

#### Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Look forward to new phase of life in the fast lane. Children keep youtied down but who was theone who decided to have more. Box in closet brings back unwanted pain, but also holds the answer.

#### Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Seldom seen inthe parade of things makes you less a target of ridicule no one is looking anyway. Keep children away from unknown cars or objects youdecide where the danger lays.

#### Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

#### Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Foreign objects cross your path and leave you in the wrong room. Take time to sort out friends from those who wish to use youup. Basic instincts take you for the wrong

#### Aguarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Look in the mirror for answer to the old dog question. People please youwith the wave of your hand. Point is you do it all again. Take small ones to special event. Leave

#### Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

#### Aries Mar 21 - April 20

What you find in the closet will bring you more fun in the long run. Keep peace with siblings by excepting the fact you are wrong, find a doctor to help you with needs of the heart.

ungrateful home.

Find yourself in unneccessary places again. Take time alone with family if you can get them to agree with your needs. Children rule in your household so give it up. But remember you need help too. 3090

Get pace with the heat by hiding in house to stay cool. You wonder if the mosquitoes will do you in this year. Children find you in embarrassing situation and you are unable to explain your way out.

#### For entertainment only!

William Grover

#### Taurus April 21 - May 21

Fortune shines on you but not if you play lotto. Think twice before waste money on unneccessary adventures. Sad days fade into the past and more time with friends begins to change your life.

#### Gemini May 22 - June 21

Spouse takes second look at the past and future, be sure of all you do to make life livable. Keep children away from dangers you can't prevent. See self thru eyes of others but wear sunglasses.

#### Fish Kabobs

With everybody worried about their cholesterol, fish on the grill is perfect for an alternative to a burger.

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#### **Obituaries**

Liedel, A. Daniel - Age 92, passed away Wed. July, 2003 at Saline Evangelical Hospice, surrounded by his family. Dan was born March 28, 1911 in Maybee, MI, the eldest of 13 children, of Bernard & Nellie (Hitchingham) Liedel. He graduated Monroe High School and enjoyed taking a variety of college extension courses.

Dan married Garnette Miller Feb. 10, 1931 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Monroe. They resided in Maybee and had 2 children, Douglas and Beth Ann. Dan was in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 10-3. He was Boy Scout Master in Maybee for 10 years. He was employed by Monroe State Savings Bank until the stockmarket crashed.

In March of 1941 he was appointed Post Master of Maybee (Monroe County). Dan & Garnette were one of the few husband and wife Post Office teams in MI until Dan's retirement in May 1971. One year later, Garnette retired and they divided their time between MI and Florida.

Retirement gave Cedar and Suzie, as they were affection-

ately known by family and friends, many opportunities to travel in the United States and abroad, as well as enjoy a variety of interests. Cedar was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. His favorite place to roam the woods or float on the water with a line cast was in Giennie, MI. During retirement, Cedar enjoyed oil painting, listening to Big Band music, gardening, bowling and shooting pool. Dan is a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus in Monroe, and is a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934. Dan is survived by his wife Garnette of 73 years, his children, Douglas D. (Geraldine) Liedel and Beth Ann Burke. Cedar throughly enjoyed his 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving him are his brothers and sisters, Norman (Bernice) Liedel and Richard Liedel, both of Monroe, Thomas (Ruth) Liedel of Maybee, Grace (Bruce) Clark of Manchester, Frances (Richard) Loeffler of Toledo, Bernadine (Robert) Brooks of ter-in-law, Helen Liedel of Coleman, MI. Dan is preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers, a sister, a son-inlaw, and a great-grandson. A Memorial Mass will be held Sat. July 5th at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, with a visitation from 9:30-11 AM. Interment of cremains to take place at a later date. Hillside Cemetary, Belleville. Memorial contributions to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital or Saline Evangelical Hospice. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

George Aimone, Jr., of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2003, at the age of 77.

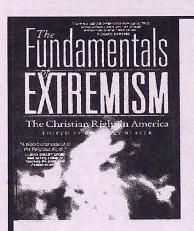
Born in Laurium, Michigan, on Saturday, June 5, 1926, the U.S. Navy veteran of World War II worked as an inspector at GM's Cadillac Division for more than 40 years before retiring.

Surviving George are his wife of 58 years, Lulu (Jeffery) Aimone; 5 sons, Michael (Lynda) Aimone, Jeffery Aimone, Jonathan Aimone, Patrick Aimone (all of Belleville), and Scott

(Terri) Aimone (Divide, CO); 3 sisters, June (Dan) Girard (Lake Linden, MI), Beth (Gary) Smith (WA), and Paula Littleton (AZ); 8 grand-children; and 3 great-grand-children.

Predeceasing him were his parents, George and Dorothy (Skewes) Aimone, Sr., and a son, William Aimone (1996).

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 25, at First United Methodist Church (Belleville). Interment was at Hillside Cemetary (Belleville).



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**COMMUNICATIONS** 

Superintendent Kowalski acknowledged the successful organization of this year's Employee Scholarship Golf Outing by Dawn Gasparovich. Approximately \$2200 was raised by employees and corporate sponsors to be dispersed to 2004 graduates in \$500 scholarships.

Board President Elaine Hollister commented on Patti Hudson's Wagar Middle School Media Center Report. Mrs. Hudson continues to go above and beyond in her duties. PERSONNEL

The Board accepted the resignations of High School Math Teacher Jean Hitchman and Middle School Band Instructor William Tonissen. Both are relocating out of state.

Teachers approved for em-

tale of your own.

ployment were: Sarah Leach for High School English, Jeffrey Blakeslee for High School English/Newspaper/ Yearbook and Martin Bills for High School Math. OTHER ITEMS

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Schatzka of Monroe, also sis-

The "Hangar" Project site was approved by the Board. Dave Baker and Bev Smith, Athletic Boosters, were in attendance to answer any questions.

The proposed fiscal 2003-2004 budgets and tax levys were approved by the Board.

The Board approved 2003-04 Middle School and Elementary School Handbooks.

The Board will hold a workshop on July 28, 2003 to set goals for the 2003-04 school year at 5:30 p.m. in the Wagar Middle School Cafeteria.

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